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TELEPHONE FACILITEIS IN RAJASTHAN
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the pace of expansion of basic telephone faciliteis, WLL and cellular phones of the Bharat Sanchar Linmited in the Kota, Boondi and Jhalawar telecom districts of Kota Division has been slow and expansion target fixed in regard to the said services could not be met in 2004-2005;

(b) if so, the details of development works undertaken in the said areas during the last three years;

(c) the year-wise number of new subscribers connected with the Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited in the above areas during the said period;

(d) the number of subscribers who surrendered their telephones during the last three years;

(e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the telecom service in the said areas;

(f) the time by which mobile services are likely to be started in all the Tehsil Headquarters in the above mentioned telecom districts; and

(g) the time by which basic or WLL telephone services are likely to be provided to all the Gram Panchayat Headquarters in the said telecom districts?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) No, Sir. All the targets of expansion of basic telephone facilities and cellular services have been achieved in the referred districts for the year 2004-05. The achievement in case of WLL was less due to delayed receipt of equipment. This equipment is under various stages of Installation/Acceptance Testing.

(b) Details of development works undertaken in the above said areas in the last three years is given in Annexure-A.

(c) & (d): The year-wise number of new subscribers connected with Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited and subscribers who surrendered their telephone facility during the last three year is given in Annexure-B.

(e) Telecom services are satisfactory in the referred districts. In order to further improve the services BSNL has taken a number of steps.

(i) All electromechanical and analog exchanges have been converted to Digital exchanges connected on reliable media.

(ii) The fault prone paper core cable is being replaced by jelly filled cable and efforts are on to make the external plant poleless.

(iii) DLCs and RSUs are being planned in various locations to reduce the length of cable to the subscriber premises.

(iv) Extensive use of Wireless in Local Loop Technology in urban and rural areas is being planned and implemented to eliminate local line faults.

(v) For deeper penetration of WLL services in the referred area, 16 Nos. WLL BTS of 12750 lines are under installation which are likely to be commissioned by September 2005. Additional 12750 Lines are planned by March, 2006.

(f) Cellular services are likely to be made available in all the Tehsil Head Quarters of Kota, Boondi and Jhalawar district during the year 2005.

(g) All accessible, undisturbed and undisputed villages inhabited with population more than 100 (including such Gram Panchayats in Kota, Boondi and Jahalawar Telecom District of Kota SSA of Rajasthan) are planned to be provided with basic and WLL telephone

services / Village Public Telephone (VPT) facilities progressively by November, 2007.

ANNEXURE – A

Details of Development works in DELs during last three years

(i) Details of Development works in Basic Telephone Facilities

	Boondi			Jhalawar			Kota		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Capacity Added	552	840	Nil	2620	868	848	21168	4612	2156
SBM to RSU Conversion	1	2	2	2	1	8	4	2	5
256P to AN-RAX Conversion	0	9	13	0	12	15	0	8	43
New Exchange Opening	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	5	2
TAX Capacity Added	1000	500	4000	1000	0	5000	0	2000	1000

(ii) Details of Development works in WLL Telephone Services

	Boondi			Jhalawar			Kota		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
WLL equipment commissioned	-	1K Cor-dect DIU at Keshorai patan	-	-	1K Cor-dect DIU at Khanpur	1K Cor-dect DIU at Bhawani mandi	CDMA 500L at Kota	Expansion of 500L CDMA at Kota & 1K Cor-dect DIU each at Anta, Chabra & Rawatbhata	1K Cor-dect DIU at Atru

(iii) Details of Development works in Cellular Mobile Services

	Boondi			Jhalawar			Kota		
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
GSM capacity commissioned/ expansion	1000	0	2600	1000	600	2550	12700	3500	6900

ANNEXURE - B

New connection Provided and Surrendered during last three years

		Boondi			Jhalawar			Kota		
		2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05
Basic Telephone	Connections provided	1050	368	790	2071	1104	859	5218	1759	718
	Disconnections	694	1170	999	313	593	964	3085	5458	6454
WLL	Connections provided	0	28	529	0	3561	1560	148	182	2905
	Disconnections	0	0	0	0	3330	68	0	7	8
GSM	Connections provided	0	2135	1054	0	2204	3342	7003	8047	9402
	Disconnections	0	40	31	0	35	45	89	399	418